

CHARTER OF THE MISSOURI RIVER (North Dakota) TASK FORCE

- A. Committee's Official Designation.** Missouri River (North Dakota) Task Force
- B. Objectives and Scope.** In accordance with the Missouri River Protection and Improvement Act of 2000, Title VII of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-541), the Missouri River (North Dakota) Task Force shall advise the Secretary on a plan and projects to reduce siltation of the Missouri River in the State of North Dakota and to meet the objectives of the Pick-Sloan program.
- C. Duration.** Continuing. The committee has been established under Section 705 (a) of Title VII, the "Missouri River Protection and Improvement Act of 2000", Public Law 106-541.
- D. Official to Whom Committee Reports.** The committee reports to the Secretary of the Army, through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.
- E. Sponsor and Agency Providing Support.** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- F. Duties.** The Missouri River (North Dakota) Task Force will:
1. prepare and approve, by majority of the members, a plan for the use of the funds made available under Public Law 106-541, Title VII, the "Missouri River Protection and Improvement Act of 2000", to promote conservation practices in the Missouri River watershed, control and remove the sediment from the Missouri River, protect recreation on the Missouri River from sedimentation, and protect Indian and non-Indian historical and cultural sites along the Missouri River from erosion;
 2. develop and recommend to the Secretary for implementation critical restoration projects meeting the goals of the plan; and
 3. determine if these projects primarily benefit the Federal Government.
- G. Estimated Annual Cost.** Approximately \$250,000, including the equivalent of up to one full-time staff member per year.
- H. Frequency of Meetings.** The committee will meet at the call of the Secretary of the Army or his designee, but in any event, not less than twice during each calendar year.
- I. Termination Date.** Not applicable.
- J. Composition of Committee.** The committee consists of the following:
1. Secretary of the Army (or designee), who shall serve as Chairperson;
 2. Secretary of Agriculture (or designee)

3. Secretary of Energy (or designee)
4. Secretary of the Interior (or designee)
5. The Trust – The trust is composed of 16 members to be appointed by the Secretary, including 12 members recommended by the Governor of North Dakota and one member recommended by each of the four Indian Tribes in the State of North Dakota. The members recommended by the Governor of North Dakota are to include representatives of the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Department of Parks and Recreation, the North Dakota Department of Game and Fish, the North Dakota State Water Commission, the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, agricultural groups, environmental or conservations groups, the hydroelectric power industry, recreation user groups, local governments, and other appropriate interests.

Non-Federal members of the Board shall serve for a term of two years. A maximum of two consecutive terms may be served.

K. Subcommittees. None.

L. Date charter filed: February 9, 2004